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Transactions of inspection service for the week ended November 26, 1904.

Under date of November 25, 1904, sanitary certificate No. 64 (accompanying Consular Invoice No. 273 of 1904) was granted for 68 bales of grey goat's hair, shipped per steamship *Egypt*, via London, to Boston (via New York).

The hair was soaked for eight days in a strong lime solution, and then sun dried, as described in my letter of April 29, 1904.

Reports from Calcutta—Fumigation of vessel—Cholera and plague mortality.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Eakins reports, November 24, as follows:

During the week ended November 19, 1904, bill of health was issued to steamship *Elaine*, bound to Boston and New York, with a total crew of 40. The usual precautions were taken, holds fumigated, rat guards placed on wharf lines, and the effects of the Chinese disinfected.

During the week ended November 12, 1904, there were 32 deaths from cholera and 6 deaths from plague in Calcutta, and during the week ended November 19, 1904, there were 33 deaths from cholera and 8 deaths from plague.

In Bengal during the week ended November 5, 1904, there were 415 cases of and 260 deaths from plague, and during the week ended November 12, 1904, there were 433 cases of and 342 deaths from plague.

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Report from Yokohama—Inspection of vessels—Plague-infected rat found in vicinity of cotton discharged from steamship Sealda—Sealda released from quarantine—Plague in Formosa.

Assistant Surgeon Moore reports, November 19, as follows:

During the week ended November 12, 1904, bills of health were issued to 6 vessels having an aggregate personnel of 458 crew and 855 passengers; 301 steerage passengers were bathed and 435 pieces of baggage were disinfected.

It is reported that a plague-infected rat was found in the neighborhood of some cotton landed here from the steamship *Sealda* on which, as previously reported, human plague was recently discovered at Moji. Suitable sanitary measures have been taken by the authorities to prevent the spread of this disease. Though no official report of contagious diseases in Yokohama has been received for the period subsequent to November 5, 1904, it is believed that, apart from the fact above noted, sanitary conditions continue good.

The steamship *Sealda*, referred to in my last two reports, has been released from quarantine, no further cases of plague having developed save the 3 fatal ones previously reported.

Plague continues to prevail in Formosa, 3 new cases and 3 deaths having been officially reported at Taipeh on the 17th instant. From January 1, 1904, to the present time there have occurred in the island of Formosa 4,221 cases of plague, of which 3,133 were fatal.